The State Government of Karnataka has recognised Father Mull's Hospital, Mangalore and Kasturba Medical College Hospital, Manipal, as referral hospitals in Mangalore for the beneficiaries of ESI Scheme. Some of the hospitals including Yenopaya hospital have applied to the State Government for a tie-up with the ESI Scheme. The State Government has not made any assessment of hospitals having super-speciality facilities so far.

Legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers

1305. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing a comprehensive legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers in the line of the convention and recommendation passed in 2001 ILO Conference held at Geneva; and

(b) when Government propose to rectify the convention for health, safety and social security for agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) India supported and welcomed the adoption of the proposed Convention accompanied by a Recommendation on Safety & Health in Agriculture in the 89th Session of International Labour Conference (June 2001). There is no proposal to bring a comprehensive legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers on the lines of the Convention adopted by ILO at present. The decision to ratify a Convention is taken only after extensive examination of the provisions of the Convention and the implications of ratification of the Convention by means of consultation with the stakeholders, *i.e.,* the Central Organisations of the Workers and Employers, Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments.